



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### February 8, 2013

House and Senate Sessions opened shortly after 7:00pm on Monday, February 4, 2013. This week was, again, very busy with new education-related bills getting filed and more filings expected in the days and weeks to come (please see the section below: “[New Bills Filed This Week](#)”). In general, the Senate appears to be moving faster on its education bills. The House has a good number of freshman legislators, many of whom are on Education Committees – they are getting organized.

### **Key Committee Meetings: February 5-7**

1. House Education Committee  
This Committee had been scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 5; however, the meeting was cancelled. The Committee was scheduled to consider the Governor’s nominees for the State Board of Education. This Committee is now set to meet on Tuesday, February 12; however, the Governor’s nominees are not currently on its published agenda.
2. Senate Committee on Education/Higher Education  
The Committee issued a favorable report on [SB 14](#) Increase Access to Career/Technical Education (CTE), after adopting a few revisions requested by DPI. Members of the Committee were very interested in CTE and shared positive stories about CTE classes and/or initiatives from their own districts. It was a lively and encouraging discussion.
3. Senate Committee on Rules and Operations  
This Committee met on Tuesday, February 5, to discuss [SB 10](#) Government Reorganization and Efficiency Act, and favorably reported on a Committee substitute bill. This bill proposes the elimination and/or revision of a number of state boards and commissions, some of which include:
  - a. Charter School Advisory Committee;
  - b. State Education Commission;
  - c. Committee on Dropout Prevention;
  - d. State Lottery Commission.

### **Relevant Bills with Action This Week:**

#### **House Bills**

#### [HB 4](#) Unemployment Insurance Fund & Solvency Changes

- Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House
- Received in the Senate; referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it received a favorable report
- Placed on Senate calendar for 2/12/2012

[HB 20](#) Joint Session/State Board of Education Confirmation

- (Passed in the House last week)
- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations

[HB 44](#) Transition to Digital Learning in Schools

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House and referred to the House Education Committee

[HB 45](#) Internet Access for Public Schools

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House, referred to the House Education Committee; if favorable, House Education Appropriations Committee

[HB 51](#) Increase Access to Career/Technical Education

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House, referred to the House Education Committee; if favorable, House Education Appropriations Committee

[HB 55](#) Reform Workforce Development

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Job Development

[HB 56](#) Amend State Contract Review Laws

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House, referred to the House Finance Committee

[HB 67](#) Permanent License Plates for Charter Schools

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House, referred to the House Committee on Transportation; if favorable, House Finance

**Senate Bills**

[SB 10](#) Government Reorganization and Efficiency Act

- The Senate Committee on Rules and Operations adopted a Committee substitute (e.g., a revision of the prior SB 10).
- Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate

[SB 14](#) Increase Access to Career/Technical Education

- The Senate Education/Higher Education Committee adopted a Committee substitute and gave it a favorable report
- Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings in the Senate

[SB 27](#) Public School Protection/Firearm Amendments

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations

[SB 32](#) Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Program Evaluation

[SB 34](#) Eliminate Obsolete Boards and Commissions

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations

[SB 36](#) APA Technical/Clarifying Changes

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Judiciary I Committee

[SB 37](#) PED Study of Occupational License Board Agency

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations

[SB 42](#) Charter School/Government Unit

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on State and Local Government

[SB 43](#) Study Savings for Administration of Claims

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Commerce Committee

[SB 47](#) State of the State Address

- Passed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate

[SB 59](#) Armed Security Guards in K-12

- Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the Senate, referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations

**New Bills Filed This Week (with the primary sponsor(s) noted):**

[HB 67](#) Permanent License Plates for Charter Schools (Jones, Holloway, Conrad, Hardister)

[HB 70](#) North Carolina Health Plan (Brandon)

[HB 74](#) Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules (Murry, Moffitt, Samuelson, Bryan)

[HB 85](#) Ag. Ed/FFA Day in North Carolina (Langdon, Waddell)

[SB 43](#) Study Savings for Administration of Claims (H. Brown)

[SB 47](#) State of the State Speech (Apodaca)

[SB 59](#) Armed Security Guards in K-12 (Rabin)

[SB 66](#) Ag. Ed./FFA Day in North Carolina (Jackson)

[SB 68](#) Arts Education as a Graduation Requirement (Brunstetter)

[SB 73](#) Local Workforce Dev./Dislocated Workers (Hartsell)

**Meetings: February 12-14**

**Tuesday, February 12**

8:30 AM Joint Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, 421LOB

10:00 AM House Education Committee, 643LOB

HB 23 Digital Learning Competencies School Employees

HB 44 Transition to Digital Learning in Schools

HB 45 Internet Access for Public Schools

10:00 AM Senate Judiciary II Committee, 1124LB

SB 16 Revoke License for Passing Stopped School Bus

**Wednesday, February 13**

8:30 AM Joint Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, 421 LOB

**Thursday, February 14**

8:30 AM Joint Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, 421 LOB

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